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- Between 24 June and 6 July 1954, the Richthofen Kaserne in Doeberitz was still occupied by an air force training unit. The soldiers wore light blue epaulets with metal insignia representing a wing crossed by a vertical propeller. The insignia was worn by the trainees as well as the instruction personnel. The trainees who have been quartered in Richthofen Kaserne since approximately November 1953 received instruction in classrooms in the barracks area and practiced with small-arms and did callisthenics in the barracks yard.
- An air force unit of about 1,600 men was quartered in the former NSKK Kaserne. The soldiers received infantry training in the barracks yard. The previously reported disputes on the course of the fence between the Richthofen Kaserne and the NSKK Kaserne was settled. It was decided that the fence would run in such a way that the northern exit of the NSKK Kaserne toward Elstal could be used only by the unit quartered there. 1
- During the period under review, Doeberitz airfield was still occupied only by some biplanes which made individual flights in the vicinity of the field. No air activity by jet aircraft was observed. about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who for months had daily been observed leaving the buildings west of the Richthofen Kaserne for the airfield, were employed at the fuel dump. No gasoline shipments were observed arriving there.
- On 6 July, 25 to 30 soldiers were probably given instruction on a jet aircraft between the hangars in the southern section of the field. The racing up of a jet engine was repeatedly heard. Additional aircraft were probably parked in the southern hangars as 3 groups of about 30 men each were seen marching from these hangars to the northern edge of the field at noon.
- On 8 July, from the repair shops at the northern edge of the field it was observed that 3 single-engine aircraft were parked

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in front of the middle hangar at the southern edge. The hangars at the southern edge of the field were open but their interior could not be observed because of the far distance. The grass on the landing field was very high and apparently had not been moved for a long period. The field was in such a condition that it appeared scarcely suitable for air activity for the time being. 2

6. On 8 July, the sound of engines was heard from the three test stands in the northeastern corner of the field. Work was under way in the workshops. Auditor Krayevoi (fnu), previously in charge of the workshops, was transferred approximately in mid-June. A paymaster confirmed that the EM of the workshops were still quartered in the buildings south of Herold Platz. Current consumption was the same as previously: 30 percent of the total consumption was used by the workshops and 70 percent by the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov (fnu).
7. On 8 July, the two previously reported AA gun emplacements, one northwest of the westernmost hangar and the other one northeast of the easternmost hangar at the southern edge of the field, were occupied by 3 x 37-mm AA guns each. Next to the AA gun emplacements were earth bunkers which probably housed at least a portion of the operating personnel. The AA unit was still administratively assigned to the unit operating the workshops.
8. The fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field was still subordinate to Major Dubinka (fnu) of the army units No 315. No observations were made indicating an ammunition dump.
9. On 8 July, the headquarters of the unit of auditor Lieutenant Colonel Ivanov was still located in building No 19 of the Richthofen Kaserne. There was regular activity in the quartering area. Truck [] was parked in front of building No 20.
10. A Soviet sergeant stated on 8 July that the chief of the artillery equipment park and auditor Nushnykh (fnu) were transferred some time ago. The name of the new auditor could not be determined. There was moderate activity in the quartering area of the former motor transport instruction battalion. The headquarters of the unit was still quartered in building No 59 and partially in building No 60. All the installations previously covered by auditor Nushnykh, i.e. the barracks installation of the former motor transport instruction battalion, the former artillery equipment park and the headquarters building on Thaelmann Platz occupied by personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, still form one complex and are now served by Commissary Panfilov. No changes were observed at the headquarters building on Thaelmann Platz during May and June 1954. 1
11. On 26 June, 3 and 10 July, the airfield still seemed to be unoccupied. No aircraft were observed outside of the hangars. During the afternoon on 3 July, 2 groups each of about 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets marched to Richthofen Kaserne..

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12. On 9 July, 3 Fo-2s and 1 Yak-14 were parked in front of the hangars at the southern edge of the field. These aircraft had occasionally been observed flying in the vicinity of the field on the preceding days. 2

1. Comment. The unit which transferred from Altenburg to Doeberitz in mid-May 1954 probably was not the fighter regiment.

a unit is concerned which has been stationed in Altenburg since 1951 but could not be identified. This unit, since 1951, has apparently conducted technical training with ground personnel on jet aircraft and jet engines in Altenburg. The transfer to Doeberitz of this unit would also explain the rail shipment to Doeberitz of MiG-15s which will be used as demonstration material there. The transfer of the technical training unit from Altenburg to Doeberitz i.e. into the area of the technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army appears more probable than the transfer of the fighter regiment to Doeberitz airfield which is not suitable for jet aircraft. The units and officers mentioned have previously been reported.

2. Comment. The two AA gun emplacements and the fuel dump have repeatedly been confirmed.

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